

CITY OF BURIEN, WASHINGTON
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes

February 09, 2011

Time: 7:00 PM

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ted Fosberg	Hiede Holmes	Ed Dacy	Sheryl Knowles
Chris Ndifon	Jean Spohn		

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Larry Moormeier

STAFF PRESENT:

Steve Roemer, Parks Development and Operations Manager

GUESTS PRESENT:

None

Ted Fosberg, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

CITIZEN COMMENT:

Steve reported about questions he answered from a resident regarding use of herbicides on park property.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

The agenda was approved 6/0/0 with no additions.

MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETING: The minutes from the December meeting were not available. They will be available at the March meeting.

AGENDA AND ACTION ITEMS:

Overview of North Burien Park Improvements

Steve reported that over \$130,000 was spent on renovations to parks in North Burien. The maintenance team replaced all park signs, repaved the dilapidated asphalt trails, and replaced tables, park benches and garbage cans with new durable and attractive products. In Arbor Lake Park the understory of trees was cut to give visibility for security patrols. Parks has already hosted two work parties resulting in removal of invasive plants from the lake front with plans to replant with native plants in October. A class at New Start High School spent many afternoons removing invasive plants at Salmon Creek Park and restored the sites with native plants that had been nurtured for over a year at the school.

Update on Park CIP and Operations

Community Center - In the last three months of the year Parks completed outstanding, post-move projects at the Community Center. They installed insulation for sound barrier, repainted lobby, installed a wooden half wall to protect the lower wall inside Seahurst room. Dottie Harper house had the wood floors redone and received new kitchen flooring and lights. The facility already has tenants regularly some days each week.

Seahurst Park – Steve sent a letter three weeks ago to The Army Corps expressing concern over the pace of the project. The major concern is 2 Million dollars in grants from other agencies that are at risk as they have already been extended a year. Staff have notified our Congressional offices.

Sewer District work will start in March and will take over most of the upper lot for supplies and the lower lot will be available for public parking. Work includes building a pump house and replacing old sewer lines through the park. Steve applied for another grant to the Estuary Salmon Restoration program through state fish and wildlife.

Seahurst is the only current project except for field renovations at Moshier.

Discussion of Parks Board Work Plan

Steve requested that the Board provide input to the 2012 work plan. He passed out a work plan created by the Arts Commission. He is suggesting that the Park Board members identify some projects they would like to see accomplished and then form small groups to research. Ed requested that we see the work plan that Parks staff has for 2011. This will be an ongoing agenda item.

For the Good of the Order

- Jean reported that the city has hired a consultant for the purpose of revisiting the vision created just after Burien became a city. She was asked to assist with this process by being on the Steering Committee. She referred to a survey that residents can take on line to give input to this process.
- Ed asked about the nighttime beach walks and learned that nearly 70 people attended each one. They are popular because they are at times of very low tides that only occur at night in the winter.
- Chris asked if we could reschedule a potluck with the Arts Commission. Heidi did send members an email, but received no responses. It is our request that the chairpersons meet to plan and schedule this event, and Ted agreed to initiate this meeting.

- Cheryl reported that she met with Hurstwood neighbors who are concerned about equipment noise from the projects and plan to move the Seahurst art piece to the entrance to Hurstwood. Many residents still allow dogs to run off leash in Seahurst Park. Infraction is \$75, but is seldom enforced, if at all. Residents want to know that a place will be created to allow dogs to run free.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND/OR QUESTIONS

- Community Garden topics, as necessary.
- Parks Capital projects and operations updates
- 2011-2012 Capital and Operating Budgets
- Additional discussion on informal recreation opportunities in parks.
- Impact of annexation on recreation staff.
- Potential for future dog park or off-leash areas.
- Environmental Science Center update from new Executive Director
- Discussion of Seahurst Rules and Regulations
- Discussion of park hours of operation

The next meeting is March 9, 2011. At this meeting we will elect next slate of officers.

Submitted by Jean Spohn,